

County of Sullivan, NH
Delegation - Public Hearing of the FY14 County Proposed Budget
Thursday, May 23, 2013, 6:00 PM
Held at: Sugar River Bank, Community Room
10 North Main Street, Newport, NH, 03773

Delegation Present: John Cloutier – Chair | District 10, Cynthia Sweeney – Vice Chair | District 8, Andy Schmidt – Clerk | EFC Member | District 1, Sue Gottling – Executive Finance Committee (EFC) Chair | District 2, Ray Gagnon – District 5, Jim Grenier – EFC Member | District 7, Virginia Irwin – EFC Member | District 6, Steve Smith – District 11.

Delegates Absent: Skip Rollins – District 6, Andrew Scott O’Hearne – District 3, Linda Tanner – District 9 and Benjamin Lefebvre – District 1.

County Personnel Present: Commissioner Jeffrey Barrette – Chair, Bennie Nelson – Vice Chair, and Ethel Jarvis – Clerk, Greg Chanis – County Manager, Ted Purdy – Sullivan County Health Care Director, John Cressy – Facilities & Operation Director, Lionel Chute – Conservation District Manager, Ross L. Cunningham – Department of Corrections Superintendent, and Sharon Callum – Administrative Assistant | Minute Taker.

Public Present: Suellen Griffin – West Central Behavioral Health Services Executive Director, Barbara Brill – Community Alliance Human Services (CAHS) Executive Director, Pam Joslin – CAHS Community Transportation, Ellie Tsetsi – Good Beginnings of Sullivan County Executive Director, Charlene Lovett – Claremont Citizen, Sherry Mason – Charlestown Congregational Church Chair, Larry Converse – Claremont Citizen, Reverend Susan Grant Rosen – Congregational Church | Charlestown Ecumenical Network, Sharon Boyden – His Helping Hands Director, Marcella Boyden – His Helping Hands Volunteer, Aare Ilves – Charlestown Citizen, John Argastino – Taxpayer, Chasula A. Kozak – St. Catherines Church, Del Dejure – Charlestown NH | Charlestown Ecumenical Network.

6:07 PM The Delegation Chair, Representative John Cloutier, opened the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1. Introductions

The Delegation members present introduced themselves.

The Commissioner Chair introduced himself, as well as the two Commissioners present and all other County personnel present (listed above).

Agenda Item No. 2. Opening Statement, Commissioner Chair

Commissioner Barrette noted the purpose of the public hearing was for them to present the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget, take questions and comments from the public, then turn the budget over to the Executive Finance Committee (EFC) for consideration, and, in turn, EFC would review and give recommendations to the full Delegation, towards the end of June. He noted once the budgets are submitted by Department Heads

to the County Manager, the Commission takes two weeks to review - going line by line, department by department, with one specific day to meet with grant applicants to hear about their programs.

At this point, a PowerPoint presentation was shown, with a paper copy distributed [Appendix A.1-7]; as well as copies of the *Summary FY 14 Commissioners Proposed Revenue Budget* [Appendix B.1-8] and the *Summary FY14 Commissioners Proposed Expense Budget* [Appendix C.1-8] reports. Barrette reviewed the PowerPoint covering the following:

- Sullivan County Services – he reminded all of the rehabilitation and respite services the Sullivan County Health Care Facility provides,
- Total Fiscal Year 2014 Commissioner Proposed Budget of \$29,348,549,
- % increase in amount raised in property tax, dollar amount increase vs. FY13, dollar paid by tax payer per \$100,000 property value,
- Key Budget Factors – approximately 300 county employees; since creating budget they've received hard numbers from the County's insurance company that will be relayed to the Delegation,
- FY 14 Revenue graph,
- FY 14 Expense graph,
- FY 14 Tax Revenue Distribution by Departments,
- Historic Fund Balance from 2004 – 2013,
- Proposed Uses of Fund Balance – Budgeted,
- Commissioners Proposed Uses of Fund Balance,
- Reasons to Maintain Adequate Fund Balance,
- % Change in Taxes Raised from 1993-2013, and
- A slide showing the County website address: www.sullivancountynh.gov to gather additional County information and related links.

Commissioner Barrette invited anyone interested to schedule a tour of the facilities in Newport and Unity.

Commissioner Barrette opened the floor to questions and comments regarding the budget proposed. He requested those who wanted to speak, limit comments to five minutes and those wanting to express support of a program previously spoken about, to stand and state their name.

Public Participation – 6:23 PM

Pam Joslin, Community Alliance Human Services Transportation Director, spoke in support of fully funding the Community Alliance Transportation (CAT) grant and read from a document [See appendix D.1-3 for document details]. Commissioner Nelson commended CAT on their volunteer program, pointed out the bulk of presentation was about the volunteer driver program, and asked how much of the grant was earmarked for the program. Ms. Brill noted, the total amount is earmarked for the total program; they don't differentiate the services; grant funds are not used for administrative expenses; the biggest need is in the volunteer program.

Public Participation – 6:34 PM

Rob Wendt, from Plainfield | United Valley Interfaith Project, read from a document he distributed [Appendix E. 1-4], speaking in favor of no budget cuts to the CAT grant application. Commissioner Nelson questioned if the \$18.00, he spoke of, was per trip. Wendt confirmed the amount represented one way and briefly discussed the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission spreadsheet attached to his document package [Appendix E.4]. Nelson noted Commissioners are proposing level funding, not cutting funds.

Public Participation – 6:40 PM

Rev. Susan Grant Rosen, pastor of the Charlestown Congregational Church, distributed a document [Appendix F.] and spoke in favor of fully funding the CAT grant application. Rosen requested those in support, who were from Charlestown, raise their hands – seven (7) people raised their hands at this point.

Public Participation - 6:46 PM

Sharon Boydon, Director of Helping Hands of Claremont, read from a document [Appendix G.1-3], requesting the County reconsider funding Helping Hands of Claremont grant application.

Public Participation - 6:53 PM

Margaret Coulter, Director of Road to Independence, spoke about the Road to Independence program, thanked the County for grants provided in the past two years, discussed the program impact on those who attend the program and their families – they have seen 29 clients, the events they participate in and indicated cutting program funding by 50% would take away stability and detrimental to participants.

Public Participation 6:59 PM

Unidentified woman – the volunteer program is vital and encouraged all to fully fund the CAT program.

Public Participation 7:00 PM

Aare Ilves, from Charlestown, noted he did a quick calculation and it works out to a .60 cent per person contribution from County tax payers; seems low and that he'd be willing to pay twice.

As no further questions or comments were made by public in attendance, the Commissioner Chair turned the podium over to the Delegation Chair.

The Delegation Chair asked Delegation members if they had further questions. There were no further comments made or questions asked.

Rep. Suzanne Gottling, EFC Chair, noted the EFC will meet tomorrow to review grant applications. She pointed out grant applicants are welcome to attend, but the EFC had all the information they required since four of the five EFC members participated in the original applicant interviews and they would not need to hear further from applicants.

Agenda Item No. 5. FY14 County Convention Date to Set, *Delegation Chair*

The Delegation Chair identified the EFC members and noted they have been meeting and working hard on the budget. He plans to schedule the County Convention, Tue, June 25th 6:00 p.m. at the Sugar River Bank Community Room, at which time they will act on the EFC budget recommendations; if the room is unavailable, they can meet at either Technical Center in Newport or Claremont; he expressed concern with the State budget and hopes to have a better idea of what is going on in Concord by the time of the Convention meets – what the State can do may affect certain aspects of the County budget; all will be notified if the date and venue change.

Rep. Irwin pointed out *'tonight was a public hearing of the County budget of \$29,348,549, and the only people who are here are concerned about \$245,000. How pathetic is that. The people of this county clearly do not have a clue how much money the County spends, and on what, and the only way to raise a crowd are on the backs of the people who need it the most and come for grants. Thank you for coming and sham on the rest ...'*. Rep. Cloutier thanked Irwin for her comments, noting *'point is well taken, this is a large budget, and from his experience the most contention has been over the grants 75% of the time; not sure if that is a good sign they see so few people'*.

December 11, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes Review

7:08 Motion: to accept the December 11th 2012 meeting minutes. Made by: Sweeney. Seconded by: Gottling. Discussion: Rep. Gagnon noted, in the minutes, it indicated there would be a Listening Session, and wanted all to know that event did not take place as they were unable to coordinate time. Rep. Grenier also apologized for not being able to schedule the event. Rep. Cloutier suggested they try again in the fall and suggested they discuss it further at the Convention; all bills must be filed with the State by September-October. Rep. Sweeney pointed out public is encouraged to visit the Legislative page at the County's website where citizens can attain their legislature's contact information. **Voice vote: All in favor, except one. Irwin sustained from the vote as she had not attended the meeting. The vote carried with the majority.**

Upcoming Events Announced

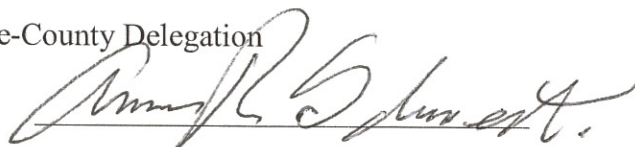
A copy of a flyer for the Sun, Jun 9th 25th *Annual Free Pancake Breakfast* being held 7:30–11:00 a.m. was distributed [Appendix H]. Comm. Nelson invited all to the event. Rep. Cloutier encouraged Delegates and public to attend.

7:14 Motion: adjourn. Made by: Gottling. Seconded by: Sweeney. Voice vote: all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Schmidt, Clerk | State-County Delegation
AS/sjc

Date minutes approved:





PUBLIC HEARING
FY '14 Commissioners' Proposed County Budget

May 23, 2013 – Thursday - 6:00 PM

Sugar River Bank Community Room
10 North Main Street, Newport NH 03773

AGENDA

1. Introductions:
 - a. Delegation Members
 - b. Board of Commissioners
 - c. County Manager
 - d. County Department Heads / Elected Officials
2. Opening Statement – *Commissioner Chair*
3. FY '14 Proposed Budget Presentation
4. Q & A from public
5. Set Date of FY '14 County Budget Convention -
Delegation Chair
6. Adjourn meeting



FY '14 Proposed County Budget Hearing
Newport, NH – 10 N. Main Street, SRB Community Room
Thursday – May 23rd, 2013 – 6 PM

PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW – Thank you!

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SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED FY 14 BUDGET



Sullivan County Services

- ◉ Sullivan County Health Care
- ◉ Department of Corrections
- ◉ Sheriffs Office
- ◉ County Attorney's Office
- ◉ Registry of Deeds
- ◉ Cooperative Extension
- ◉ Human Services
- ◉ Conservation District
- ◉ Facilities and Operations
- ◉ Regional Public Health Network
- ◉ County Administration

Fiscal Year 2014
Commissioners Proposed Budget

\$ 29,348,549

Fiscal Year 2014
Commissioners Proposed Budget

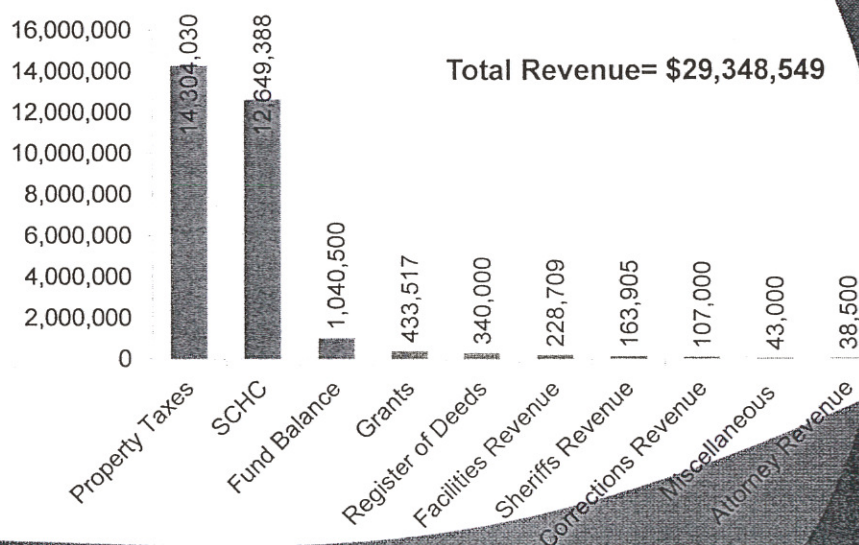
- 2.96 % Increase in the amount raised in property taxes
- This is a \$ 411,956 increase over Fiscal Year 2013 (Current Year)
- Average County taxpayer with property valued at \$100,000 would pay an additional \$8.80 in County Taxes

Fiscal Year 2014 Key Budget Factors

- ⊙ ***Increase In Countywide Health Insurance Expense of \$ 376,000 or 14.75% ****
- ⊙ Increase In Countywide NH Retirement Expense of \$197,910 or 19.32%
- ⊙ Increase in Countywide Salary Expense of \$242,122 or 2.18%

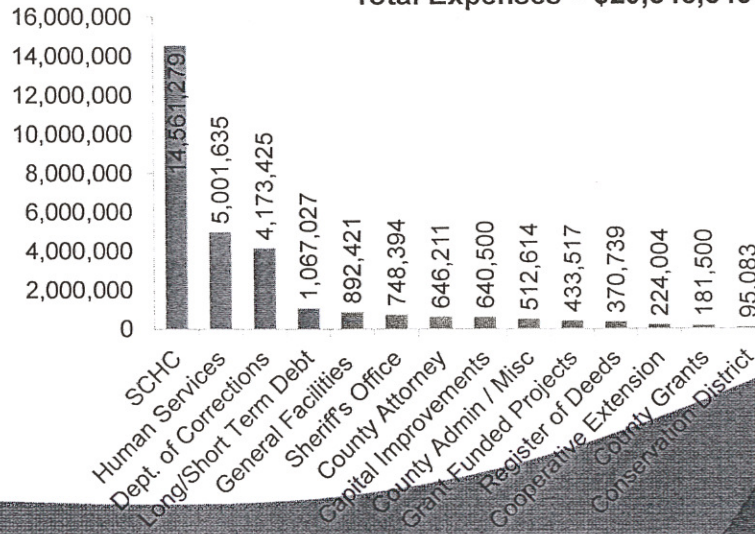
*Based on Not to Exceed rates. Final rates will be lower

Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue



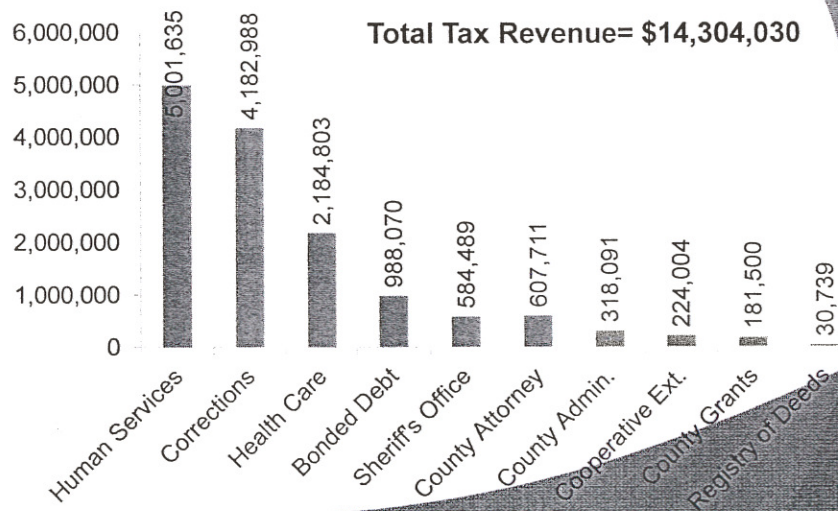
Fiscal Year 2014 Expenses

Total Expenses = \$29,548,349

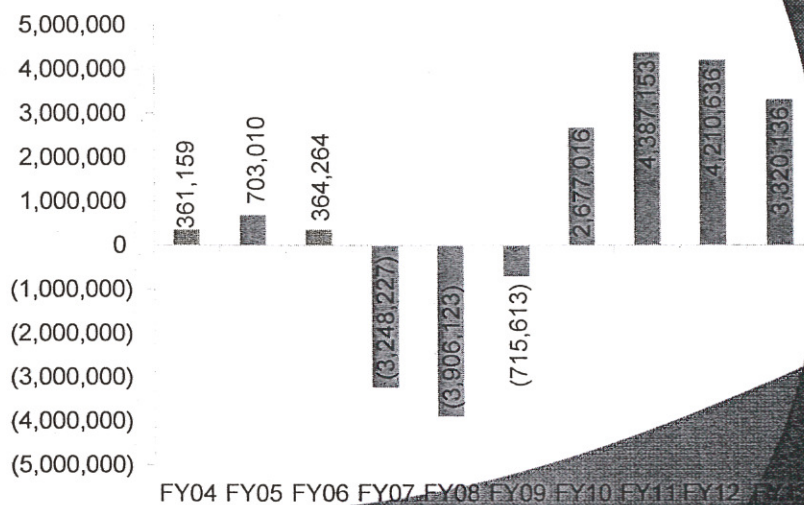


Tax Revenue Distribution Fiscal Year 2014

Total Tax Revenue = \$14,304,030



Historic Fund Balance Fiscal Years 2004-2013 (Est)



Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Uses of Fund Balance (Budgeted)

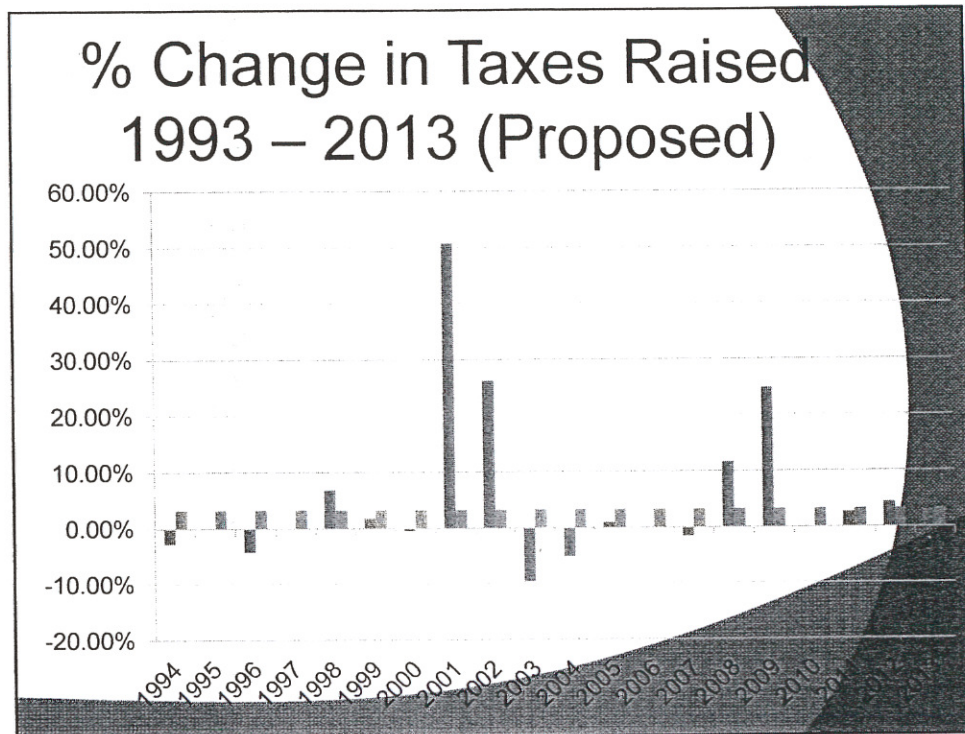
- \$400,000 to offset an additional increase in taxes
- \$640,500 to fund Capital expenses

Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Uses of Fund Balance Commissioners Recommendations

- \$350,000 Transferred to Capital Reserve
- \$500,000 Assigned to Biomass Project to Reduce Future Long Term Debt

Reasons To Maintain Adequate Fund Balance

- ◎ Ability To Stabilize Tax Rate Over A Longer Period Of Time
- ◎ Ability To Utilize Fund Balance For Capital Expenditures.
- ◎ As a Hedge Against Volatility In SCHC Revenue
- ◎ Lower Risk To Potential Lenders results in Lower Interest rates on Long Term Debt



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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

Appendix B.1

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
10.100.04000	SUBSIDIARY REVENUES	(\$14,304,030.00)	(\$13,892,074.00)	(\$13,892,074.00)	(\$13,905,995.00)	(\$411,956.00)
10.100.04001	INTEREST INCOME & SAVIN	(\$12,500.00)	(\$15,000.00)	(\$5,894.68)	(\$8,573.75)	\$2,500.00
10.100.04015	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$29,326.18)	(\$20,926.87)	\$0.00
10.100.07600	FACILITY RENTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,500.00)	(\$2,806.73)	\$0.00
10.100.08055	SALE OF TIMBER	(\$15,000.00)	(\$15,000.00)	(\$35,987.02)	(\$53,651.25)	\$0.00
10.100.08058	LAND RENTAL	(\$1,225.00)	(\$725.00)	(\$1,854.20)	(\$1,135.46)	(\$500.00)
10.100.09083	BEAGLE CLUB TAX REVENI	(\$1,500.00)	(\$1,463.00)	(\$1,434.00)	(\$1,415.00)	(\$37.00)
10.100.09090	PRIOR YEAR FUND BAL-US	(\$1,040,500.00)	(\$1,211,864.00)	\$0.00	(\$655,500.00)	\$171,364.00
10.410.09081	EXTRADITION REIMBURSEI	(\$8,000.00)	(\$8,000.00)	(\$1,428.65)	(\$6,349.21)	\$0.00
10.411.04019	VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM	(\$34,000.00)	(\$34,000.00)	(\$34,000.00)	(\$34,000.00)	\$0.00
10.411.04020	VICTIM/WITNESS EDUCATIK	(\$1,500.00)	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10.440.04023	PROCEEDS OF LONG TERM	\$0.00	(\$109,397.00)	(\$109,397.00)	\$0.00	\$109,397.00
10.440.09012	SHERIFFS WRIT FEES	(\$84,000.00)	(\$84,000.00)	(\$68,615.16)	(\$88,590.05)	\$0.00
10.440.09013	SHERIFF: MISCELLANEOUS	(\$14,000.00)	(\$23,000.00)	(\$20,527.51)	(\$29,080.07)	\$9,000.00
10.440.09085	SECURED JUVENILE TRANI	(\$6,000.00)	(\$6,000.00)	(\$8,232.84)	(\$5,898.42)	\$0.00
10.443.09084	BAILIFF REFUND	(\$59,905.00)	(\$51,785.00)	(\$40,951.66)	(\$56,067.97)	(\$8,120.00)
10.460.04018	WOODHULL/OPERA HOUSE	(\$210,984.00)	(\$208,895.00)	(\$191,661.50)	(\$204,708.80)	(\$2,089.00)
10.475.06100	REIMBURSEMENT FROM UI	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,949.89)	(\$4,461.00)	\$0.00
10.490.04021	HUMAN SERVICE STATE CF	(\$25,000.00)	(\$25,000.00)	(\$30,698.01)	(\$106,821.12)	\$0.00
10.490.09086	ARRA- FMAP - REFUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$176,708.34)	\$0.00
10.600.04023	PROCEEDS OF LONG TERM	\$0.00	(\$27,365.00)	(\$27,365.00)	\$0.00	\$27,365.00
10.600.06040	COUNTY JAIL INCOME	(\$32,500.00)	(\$27,500.00)	(\$42,410.68)	(\$32,050.46)	(\$5,000.00)
10.600.06041	CONTRACT INMATE HOUSII	(\$40,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,587.50)	\$0.00	(\$40,000.00)
10.600.06044	COUNTY JAIL INCOME-COM	(\$35,000.00)	(\$35,000.00)	(\$15,624.61)	(\$32,437.30)	\$0.00

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
10.997.05996	TRANSFER IN ACCOUNTING	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$216,511.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
10.997.05997	TRANSFER IN HUMAN RESC	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$152,472.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund: GENERAL FUND - 10		(\$15,925,644.00)	(\$15,777,568.00)	(\$14,936,503.09)	(\$15,427,176.80)	(\$148,076.00)

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

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22.010.03007	SURCHARGE FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$12,743.67)	(\$152.56)	\$0.00
22.420.02011	REGISTER OF DEEDS: FEE:	(\$340,000.00)	(\$315,000.00)	(\$284,459.15)	(\$328,018.20)	(\$25,000.00)
Fund: REGISTER OF DEEDS - 22		(\$340,000.00)	(\$315,000.00)	(\$297,202.82)	(\$328,170.76)	(\$25,000.00)

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
24.202.02160	SAMHSA GRANT	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$146.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
24.345.04300	ENFORCING UNDERAGE DR	(\$10,000.00)	(\$12,000.00)	(\$6,464.26)	(\$11,846.21)	\$2,000.00
24.527.05200	JAG	(\$12,052.00)	(\$52,558.00)	(\$45,035.11)	(\$24,308.19)	\$40,506.00
24.606.06039	GED TRAILS PROGRAM \$3.1	(\$3,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,500.00)
24.641.05804	SCJHRY & FIP 3RD YEAR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$22,330.99)	\$0.00
24.644.05800	JHRY REVENUE	\$0.00	(\$75,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
24.645.06500	OUTSIDE DETAIL	(\$95,455.00)	(\$90,715.00)	(\$70,513.63)	(\$89,853.19)	(\$4,740.00)
24.646.06500	HIGHWAY SAFETY	(\$6,505.00)	(\$6,196.00)	(\$6,736.08)	(\$6,628.62)	(\$309.00)
24.745.07500	DRUG TASK FORCE REIMB	(\$30,000.00)	(\$68,613.00)	(\$52,808.65)	(\$68,957.35)	\$38,613.00
24.850.07700	ARRA EECBG \$169,325	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$79,511.20)	\$0.00
24.953.05900	REGIONAL NETWORK/CURI	(\$62,266.67)	(\$71,250.00)	(\$57,433.58)	(\$81,885.67)	\$8,983.33
24.953.05901	REGIONAL NETWORK/CURI	(\$3,113.33)	(\$3,750.00)	(\$3,750.00)	(\$4,209.19)	\$636.67
24.955.05774	PHNC - INDIRECT	(\$1,230.00)	(\$5,040.00)	(\$10,129.44)	\$0.00	\$3,810.00
24.955.05775	PHNC -	(\$74,770.00)	(\$70,960.00)	(\$48,179.99)	(\$66,930.92)	(\$3,810.00)
24.964.07000	SAMHSA DFC	(\$125,000.00)	(\$125,000.00)	(\$88,158.87)	(\$144,068.41)	\$0.00
24.965.07800	SCARDP: CSA & MHD	\$0.00	(\$69,143.00)	(\$72,731.81)	(\$187,999.45)	\$69,143.00
24.974.05715	PH CLPCM & HHA \$26,838	\$0.00	(\$26,838.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,838.00
24.974.05716	PH CLPCM & HHA IN-DIREC	\$0.00	(\$2,683.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,683.00
24.982.05766	RPHNS IMMUNIZATION REV	(\$8,920.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$8,920.00)
24.982.05767	RPHNS INDIRECT REVENUE	(\$705.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$705.00)
Fund: GRANTS - 24		(\$433,517.00)	(\$679,746.00)	(\$462,087.42)	(\$788,529.39)	\$246,229.00

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40.097.05021	INCOME STATE WELFARE	(\$5,900,605.00)	(\$5,781,491.00)	(\$4,808,944.46)	(\$6,090,953.90)	(\$119,114.00)
40.097.05022	INCOME FROM PRIVATE	(\$1,741,050.00)	(\$1,675,350.00)	(\$1,380,890.91)	(\$1,163,243.39)	(\$65,700.00)
40.097.05023	PRIVATE INSURANCE REVE	(\$35,000.00)	(\$20,000.00)	(\$49,027.28)	(\$52,753.39)	(\$15,000.00)
40.097.05024	CAFETERIA INCOME	(\$17,500.00)	(\$15,000.00)	(\$24,355.09)	(\$18,428.95)	(\$2,500.00)
40.097.05026	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	(\$20,000.00)	(\$15,000.00)	(\$61,943.16)	(\$25,442.64)	(\$5,000.00)
40.097.05030	LAUNDRY REVENUE: SCNH	\$0.00	(\$112,000.00)	(\$75,604.75)	(\$77,261.89)	\$112,000.00
40.097.05034	MEALS REIMBURSEMENT	(\$340,051.00)	(\$339,164.00)	(\$340,313.50)	(\$339,164.00)	(\$887.00)
40.097.05037	RESPIRE CARE: HCBC	(\$5,000.00)	(\$5,000.00)	(\$3,046.08)	(\$3,324.48)	\$0.00
40.097.05038	PROPORTIONMENT SHARE	(\$1,512,875.00)	(\$1,012,875.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,274,884.32)	(\$500,000.00)
40.097.05039	MEDICAID ASSESSMENT	(\$1,296,480.00)	(\$1,418,025.00)	(\$1,027,373.57)	(\$1,406,392.82)	\$121,545.00
40.097.05040	MEDICARE PART B PT REVI	(\$413,952.00)	(\$525,641.00)	(\$443,643.28)	(\$551,356.61)	\$111,689.00
40.097.05050	MEDICARE PART A: ROOM	(\$1,560,375.00)	(\$1,560,375.00)	(\$1,342,365.08)	(\$1,298,004.61)	\$0.00
40.097.05058	MEDICARE PART A: C/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$0.00
40.097.05060	RESIDENT STORE FUND 40	(\$6,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,806.22)	(\$7,235.86)	(\$6,500.00)
40.097.05066	VENDING FUND 40 REV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$71.81)	\$0.00
40.097.05099	ARRA FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$393.68	\$0.00
40.097.06060	CONTRA REVENUE: SCHC	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
40.550.04023	PROCEEDS OF LONG TERM	\$0.00	(\$46,114.00)	(\$46,114.00)	\$0.00	\$46,114.00
Fund: HEALTH CARE - 40		(\$12,649,388.00)	(\$12,526,035.00)	(\$9,607,427.38)	(\$13,308,124.84)	(\$123,353.00)

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41.097.05060	NH RESIDENT STORE ACCO	\$0.00	(\$6,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00
41.097.05064	NH BOOK FUND - REVENUE	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$42.21)	(\$49.81)	\$0.00
41.097.05067	NH ALIX UNGREN FUND - R	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$68.55)	(\$181.26)	\$0.00
41.097.05068	NH ELSIE HARDISON FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$27.20)	(\$32.46)	\$0.00
Fund: TRUST FUNDS - 41		\$0.00	(\$6,500.00)	(\$137.96)	(\$263.53)	\$6,500.00

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
42.700.06047	BIOMASS BOND/LOAN PRO	\$0.00	(\$3,200,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200,000.00
Fund: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - 42		\$0.00	(\$3,200,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200,000.00

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
Grand Total:		(\$29,348,549.00)	(\$32,504,849.00)	(\$25,303,358.67)	(\$29,852,265.32)	\$3,156,300.00

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
10.400.00000	COMMISSIONERS OFFICE	\$233,766.00	\$268,364.00	\$204,631.90	\$235,800.18	(\$34,598.00)
10.401.00000	TREASURER	\$5,789.00	\$6,290.00	\$4,903.68	\$5,248.33	(\$501.00)
10.402.00000	AUDITOR	\$37,000.00	\$38,500.00	\$19,053.19	\$34,000.00	(\$1,500.00)
10.403.00000	COUNTY MANAGER	\$164,931.00	\$156,167.00	\$140,750.33	\$140,616.65	\$8,764.00
10.406.00000	CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$95,083.00	\$33,138.00	\$24,009.27	\$27,075.30	\$61,945.00
10.407.00000	EMERGENCY RESERVE FU	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,755.22	\$108,076.05	\$0.00
10.410.00000	COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$564,030.00	\$517,789.00	\$417,545.43	\$476,183.14	\$46,241.00
10.411.00000	VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM	\$82,181.00	\$71,603.00	\$62,709.24	\$65,169.58	\$10,578.00
10.440.00000	SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	\$688,489.00	\$784,414.00	\$694,064.15	\$615,938.56	(\$95,925.00)
10.443.00000	DEPUTY SHERIFFS BAILIFF	\$59,905.00	\$51,846.00	\$48,729.79	\$55,030.63	\$8,059.00
10.450.00000	MEDICAL REFEREE	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$7,756.44	\$7,943.93	\$0.00
10.460.00000	COURT HOUSE	\$127,678.00	\$124,760.00	\$106,666.21	\$112,222.19	\$2,918.00
10.475.00000	COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	\$224,004.00	\$213,500.00	\$215,408.98	\$219,879.25	\$10,504.00
10.480.00000	SCHC CAPITAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.18	\$0.00
10.481.00000	DOC CAPITAL	\$30,000.00	\$59,564.00	\$50,343.76	\$5,200.00	(\$29,564.00)
10.482.00000	WOODHULL COMPLEX CAP	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
10.484.00000	UNITY COMPLEX CAPITAL	\$260,000.00	\$276,500.00	\$80,068.18	\$46,183.08	(\$16,500.00)
10.490.00000	HUMAN SERVICES	\$5,001,635.00	\$5,040,055.00	\$4,041,503.57	\$4,965,975.05	(\$38,420.00)
10.497.00000	WOODHULL COUNTY COMI	\$84,301.00	\$82,503.00	\$75,048.79	\$72,079.09	\$1,798.00
10.520.00000	HUMAN RESOURCES	\$334,688.00	\$298,964.00	\$250,562.98	\$265,420.80	\$35,724.00
10.600.00000	DEPARTMENT OF CORREC	\$4,173,425.00	\$4,214,136.00	\$3,519,997.75	\$3,562,308.49	(\$40,711.00)
10.700.00000	FACILITIES	\$540,739.00	\$27,968.00	\$29,112.66	\$6,988.92	\$512,771.00
10.861.00000	COUNTY GRANTS	\$181,500.00	\$173,750.00	\$127,812.50	\$169,628.00	\$7,750.00
10.900.00000	REVENUE ANTICIPATION N	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$314.38	(\$5,000.00)

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
10.910.00000	LONG TERM NOTES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,635.59	\$0.00
10.970.00000	BONDED DEBT	\$997,970.00	\$916,850.00	\$843,850.00	\$863,650.00	\$81,120.00
10.980.00000	DELEGATION	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$683.34	\$1,268.96	\$0.00
10.997.00000	TRANSFER IN	\$0.00	\$1,981,986.00	\$1,763,226.75	\$1,639,299.75	(\$1,981,986.00)
Fund: GENERAL FUND - 10		\$13,979,614.00	\$15,376,147.00	\$12,744,194.11	\$13,742,236.08	(\$1,396,533.00)

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
22.420.00000	REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$370,739.00	\$350,538.00	\$316,251.82	\$329,711.93	\$20,201.00
Fund: REGISTER OF DEEDS - 22		\$370,739.00	\$350,538.00	\$316,251.82	\$329,711.93	\$20,201.00

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
24.345.00000	ENFORCING UNDERAGE DR	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$6,785.51	\$10,586.70	(\$2,000.00)
24.527.00000	JAG GRANT	\$12,052.00	\$52,558.00	\$38,232.95	\$25,249.38	(\$40,506.00)
24.806.00000	GED TRAIL PROGRAM	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
24.644.00000	JJHRYF	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$75,000.00)
24.645.00000	OUTSIDE DETAIL	\$95,455.00	\$90,715.00	\$66,598.13	\$90,748.02	\$4,740.00
24.646.00000	HIGHWAY SAFETY	\$6,505.00	\$6,196.00	\$5,140.85	\$7,187.89	\$309.00
24.745.00000	DRUG TASK FORCE AGENT	\$30,000.00	\$68,613.00	\$58,729.04	\$69,679.46	(\$38,613.00)
24.953.00000	REGIONAL NETWORK/ CUR	\$65,380.00	\$75,000.00	\$65,052.17	\$71,138.46	(\$9,620.00)
24.955.00000	PHNC	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00	\$64,784.99	\$64,189.67	\$0.00
24.964.00000	SAMHSA DFC	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$103,808.84	\$117,141.98	\$0.00
24.965.00000	SCARDP: CSA & MHD	\$0.00	\$69,143.00	\$0.00	\$65,280.74	(\$69,143.00)
24.974.00000	CHILDHOOD LEAD POISON	\$0.00	\$29,521.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	(\$29,521.00)
24.982.00000	RPHNS IMMUNIZATION	\$9,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,625.00
Fund: GRANTS - 24		\$433,517.00	\$679,746.00	\$409,134.48	\$521,202.30	(\$246,229.00)

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
40.097.00000	SCHC INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$42,000.00)	\$0.00
40.480.00000	SCNH CAPITAL	\$290,500.00	\$202,800.00	\$150,897.43	\$51,628.17	\$87,700.00
40.492.00000	MARKETING	\$140,165.00	\$132,501.00	\$112,246.96	\$129,702.59	\$7,664.00
40.500.00000	ADMINISTRATION NURSING	\$1,133,782.00	\$1,287,752.00	\$1,004,853.50	\$1,351,366.06	(\$153,970.00)
40.501.00000	SCHC RESIDENT ACCOUNT	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$2,136.07	\$9,230.74	\$0.00
40.530.00000	DIETARY	\$2,076,645.00	\$1,968,029.00	\$1,705,519.92	\$1,847,155.11	\$108,616.00
40.540.00000	NURSING	\$7,451,853.00	\$7,217,809.00	\$6,272,579.11	\$7,067,643.20	\$234,044.00
40.550.00000	OPERATION OF PLANT	\$984,214.00	\$1,500,282.00	\$1,180,666.61	\$1,266,001.99	(\$516,068.00)
40.555.00000	CENTRAL SUPPLY	\$64,519.00	\$59,827.00	\$52,747.79	\$57,035.29	\$4,692.00
40.560.00000	LAUNDRY & LINEN	\$327,565.00	\$327,907.00	\$255,879.62	\$305,298.47	(\$342.00)
40.570.00000	HOUSEKEEPING	\$660,772.00	\$653,224.00	\$540,340.59	\$619,407.56	\$7,548.00
40.580.00000	PHYSICIAN & PHARMACY	\$36,500.00	\$33,160.00	\$29,345.53	\$33,463.69	\$3,340.00
40.585.00000	MEDICARE PART A	\$436,000.00	\$494,500.00	\$292,269.61	\$323,194.84	(\$58,500.00)
40.586.00000	MEDICARE PART B	\$322,883.00	\$410,000.00	\$312,534.96	\$435,018.84	(\$87,117.00)
40.589.00000	MEDICAID SPEECH	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$1,709.90	\$7,208.93	\$0.00
40.591.00000	PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,542.99	\$23,677.29	\$0.00
40.592.00000	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$15,927.11	\$18,634.30	\$0.00
40.593.00000	RECREATIONAL THERAPY	\$363,122.00	\$339,563.00	\$272,786.99	\$302,729.43	\$23,559.00
40.594.00000	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$172,259.00	\$147,150.00	\$126,938.30	\$134,247.25	\$25,109.00
40.596.00000	DENTAL SERVICE	\$22,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$17,497.20	\$20,708.62	(\$2,000.00)
40.910.00000	INTEREST PAYMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,254.08	\$0.00
40.997.00000	TRANSFER OUT	\$0.00	(\$1,981,986.00)	(\$1,394,243.75)	(\$1,639,299.75)	\$1,981,986.00
Fund: HEALTH CARE - 40		\$14,561,279.00	\$12,895,018.00	\$10,983,176.44	\$12,333,306.70	\$1,666,261.00

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
41.505.00000	NH BOOK FUND	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$25.91	\$0.00
41.508.00000	NH ALIX UNGREN FUND	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
41.509.00000	NH ELSIE HARDISON FUND	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund: TRUST FUNDS - 41		\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$25.91	\$0.00

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
42.700.00000	FACILITIES	\$0.00	\$3,200,000.00	\$722,673.82	\$11,397.58	(\$3,200,000.00)
Fund: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - 42		\$0.00	\$3,200,000.00	\$722,673.82	\$11,397.58	(\$3,200,000.00)

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SUMMARY FY 14 COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET

Account	Description	PROPOSED FY14	FY13 Budget	YTD FY13	Final YTD FY12	Dollar Diff 14-13
Grand Total:		\$29,348,549.00	\$32,504,849.00	\$25,175,430.67	\$26,937,880.50	(\$3,156,300.00)

End of Report

Community Alliance of Human Services – Transportation

Good evening. My name is Pam Joslin and I am the Director of Transportation Services for Community Alliance. We have asked the County to provide \$40,000 in funding for services we offer in the 15 communities within Sullivan County for fiscal year 2014. I would like to share information about our service with you. I would also like to share some of the feedback we receive from our riders about our service.

Our bus service operates Monday through Friday in the County's three largest communities – Claremont, Charlestown, and Newport. Service begins at 6:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm and connects individuals living in all three communities to essential services (medical practices, banks, grocery stores, and other essential services). In addition we offer a demand response service in Claremont during peak hours of each weekday, to accommodate individuals who are not able to get to a bus stop. Last year we provided 31,244 rides on this service. That represented a 7.1% increase in ridership from the previous year.

Community Alliance also offers a volunteer driver program that operates seven days a week, serving all fifteen towns in Sullivan County. Volunteers provide rides when and where bus service is not available. Priorities for rides are given to medical appointments and to individuals who need a ride to work. In 2012 volunteers provided 3,580 rides (a 280% increase from the previous year), travelled 108,304 miles, and donated 7,947 hours of their time. We provided rides to individuals living in 11 of the 15 communities in the County. Eighty percent of those rides were to non-emergent medical appointments, with the largest percentage of these rides to the Upper Valley (DHMC, Alice Peck Day Hospital, Veterans Administration) as well as to local hospitals outside Sullivan County that serve Sullivan County residents (New London, Mt. Ascutney, Springfield VT). Volunteer rides were available to individuals in wheelchairs and in 2012, 106 volunteer rides were provided to individuals in wheelchairs. Eight residents of Sullivan County receiving dialysis treatment at Fresenius Treatment Center in Lebanon and

were transported by this service three times each week. Imagine, if you can, what it might be like to be diagnosed with a serious medical condition (cancer or kidney failure for example) and not have a way to get to needed medical treatment.

The second largest percentage of rides were made to individuals who had no other transportation option in order to get to work. In addition, inmates at the Department of Corrections in search of work in preparation for their release were transported by this service giving them the ability to find employment as they re-enter their community.

We do charge a fare for our bus service. There is no charge for our volunteer service. However, riders do donate what they can to support that service. The majority of funding for both of these programs comes through the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT). We have been notified that funding for fiscal year 2014 will decrease by \$47,700 for the volunteer driver program and by \$26,718 for our bus service as a result of cuts implemented by Congress. We must make up the shortfall or we will be forced to cut service.

Let me share with you how important these services are to our riders. It is so important to hear how our riders see this service

(Letter from 27 year old inmate at DOC)

I'm writing this letter to thank you for services that you provide to myself as well as my community. Without CATS I would not be reintegrating back into my community in a productive manner.

I am 29 years old and an inmate at SCDOC. I have been granted work release and Community Alliance Volunteers have provided rides to and from jail giving me the opportunity to gain employment as well as help in keeping this job.

Before incarceration I was the parent in my family that provided the transportation to and from school, appts, etc. While I have been in jail my girlfriend has used the bus to fill this void. Without this help I don't know that we would have done without this service.

I just want to say thank you, I think I speak for the whole community when I say that you are an essential part of the Claremont area and that you are appreciated.

(Elderly 87 year old from Washington, NH)

I am writing this to commend the VDP service. I am old, 87 in May. Those old friends who have taken me with them to buy food and other needs are dying off. One of the last two has just perished and the other is now in a nursing home. All the new residents of this small town are strangers to me. My disabled vehicle should finally be ready for the road in May, but until that time I need help from others to literally remain alive.

The drivers have been helpful to load then unload supplies at my home, and are friendly and pleasant to be with. I am certainly not the only elderly person in such a state, so there is a distinct need for such a transport service.

(Ailing adult from Claremont writes)

I am writing this letter in support of CATS. I have lived in the Claremont area my whole life. I have been using CATS not long after they came available to our community. Claremont is located in a very rural area of the state so this transportation service is absolutely vital to this community for all the people who use it. I am totally dependant on CATS and the Volunteer Program. I have had several appts. in the Upper Valley. I don't know what I would do without this service! It is my hope that CATS will be funded for years to come; as it is crucially needed for all the people it serves in our community.

(Parent of a disabled 34 year old son from Newport write)

I would like to express my gratitude to you for the wonderful service you are providing to the community. I want to tell you what it means to me to have the bus. I am a single mom to a 34-year-old special needs son. My son rides the bus 3 days a week to the Day-Out Program and I also ride to the doctors, shopping and just about anywhere I need to go. The bus drivers are compassionate and patient with everyone and I trust them to transport my son and myself anywhere we need to go. We need the bus and are very thankful for it.

(Our latest letter received from one of our dialysis patients)

I have been a lifelong resident and business owner of Claremont. I am a dialysis patient, at one point in time I could have driven myself to the facility, but could not drive myself back home after the treatment.

Community Alliance has been a "God Send" for all of the dialysis patients. The Volunteers perform a great service. It is hard to rely on friend and neighbors because the treatments last 3-4 hours. Many times they have other commitments, things to do.

I can't say enough about the volunteers, they are always on time and ready to help. I am also semi-handicapped and they are there for me.

Transportation is not a luxury – it is a vital service basic to the ability of individuals to remain independent. With higher than state averages of individuals without a vehicle, high rates of poverty and unemployment, and a very rural setting we are asking the County to fully fund this service.

Testimony
Sullivan County Budget Public Hearing
May 23, 2013
by
United Valley Interfaith Project
Rod Wendt, President

Good evening. My name is Rod Wendt, and I live in Plainfield. I represent the 13 faith communities and other organizations – including several in Sullivan County -- that comprise the United Valley Interfaith Project. We are Episcopalian, Jewish, Lutheran, Quaker, Roman Catholic, United Methodist, Unitarian-Universalist, United Church of Christ. We are a soup kitchen, Open Hands Mission, in Claremont. We work together to tackle systemic issues which contribute to poverty and impede justice. We see this as a way of living out our many faiths and our values. Public transportation is high on our list of priorities.

We are also a member of the Sullivan County Regional Coordinating Council that has been coordinating transportation here in Sullivan County over the past few years, and I also speak as a member of that group.

We are here to support the need for continued funding of public transportation in our region, and specifically Community Alliance Transportation Services. We are here to urge that cuts NOT be made in their budgets.

I have passed out a 2-sided sheet with lots of numbers on it, about both the scheduled Bus Service and the Volunteer Driver Program on one side and how Community Alliance compares to other, similar rural transportation programs around the country. I think the numbers are truly impressive. Let's look first at the side with the Bus Service and Volunteer Rider program numbers on it:

- The Bus Service is the first priority in transporting people, because it is the most efficient. If Community Alliance can get someone on the bus, that's the goal. They increased fares last year – in response to this Committee's request – and yet ridership still went up over 7%. And now, Federal funding is being cut drastically, so it is more important than ever to keep the local funding intact.
- The Volunteer Driver program serves areas that the bus service does not, and has just mushroomed in recent years. Those 27 dedicated volunteers are getting people from all over the county to their medical appointments and to their job interviews. The volunteers put an average of 4,000 miles EACH on their cars, and devote an average of 300 hours EACH, every year, to get people where they need to go. And they could be doing a lot more rides, but do not have the funding. And to make it worse, Federal funding is being cut drastically for this program, too.

Now let's turn over and look at the comparisons to other states with rural settings and demand response systems attached – just like the Bus Service and Volunteer Driver program here in Sullivan County.

- The first column shows “Passengers per mile” which measures how many passengers are being carried during each mile of operation. You can see other rural states including our neighbors Vermont and Maine, and Community Alliance, right at the bottom, is carrying way more passengers per mile than any of the other rural states – 5.04 passengers per mile versus 2.89 in Vermont and 1.39 in Maine.
- The second column shows “Cost per trip – that is, the average cost of carrying a passenger from here to there. Again, Community Alliance at the bottom is on the low end of things at \$18.11 per ride, and well below what the transportation professionals consider “acceptable”.

The statistics are impressive, and speak to a well-run service. But for me, and the people of faith who I represent, it's all about WHO these people on the buses and in the volunteer's cars are, and HOW MUCH they depend on public bus service to get around. Community Alliance provides a vital service for people with few or NO other transportation options, people with disabilities that prevent them from driving, or without enough income to afford their own car. As people of faith, we care most about these folks for whom public transportation is the ONLY option they have.

For these people, Community Alliance is the only reasonable way to get to medical appointments and the drug store and social service appointments and jobs and the food store. Most of them have no other way to get there. So when you cut public transportation, you don't just hurt transportation. You also hurt medical care, you also hurt social service delivery, you also hurt employment, you also undermine food security.

Public transportation is one of those key building blocks of society. Like PUBLIC education and PUBLIC libraries and PUBLIC roads and PUBLIC safety, PUBLIC transportation is critical to our functioning as a community.

At the end of the day, we believe that a key role of government – at all levels – is to care for those who cannot care for themselves. I think Senator Bob Odell said it very well a few years ago when he was quoted in the Valley News: “My philosophy in government is we are stewards of the people's tax money, and government is here to serve people who can't serve themselves, need an assist, and maybe it's temporary, and maybe it's long-term.”

Please do not cut the budget of the Community Alliance Transportation Services. It will hurt our community. It will hurt people who rely on the bus and the volunteer drivers to get to medical care, to social services, to jobs, to the food store.

Thank you.

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Community Alliance Transportation Services A Sullivan County Success Story

Bus Service (Calendar Year 2012)

1. 31,224 rides provided in 2012 - representing a 7.1% increase over 2011
2. Serves Charlestown, Claremont, and Newport
3. Increased fares in 2012 to respond to request from members of the Sullivan County Delegation
4. *Losing \$26,718 in federal funding for next fiscal year due to act of Congress*

Volunteer Driver Program (Calendar Year 2012)

1. Provided 3,580 rides to individuals living in 11 of the 15 Sullivan County Communities
2. 27 volunteer drivers drove 108,000 miles and volunteered 8,000 hours of their time
3. Volunteers reimbursed for mileage but NOT their time
4. 80% of rides are to medical services
 - a. 106 rides were provided to individuals in a wheelchair
 - b. Currently transporting 6 dialysis patients to Fresenius 2-3 times each week
5. Provided 169 rides for inmates incarcerated at the Department of Corrections in Unity who were on work search in anticipation of their release
6. *Losing \$47,700 in federal funding for next fiscal year due to act of Congress*

Why Public Transportation is so Important in New Hampshire

(Source: Transport New Hampshire Symposium, Lebanon, May 7, 2013)

1. 95,000 NH residents are worried about losing their ability to drive in the new few years
2. Approximately 34,000 NH residents are estimated to have lost or turned down a job because they didn't have a reliable ride
3. 62,000 NH residents missed a medical appointment because they couldn't get a ride; 11,000 of that group having missed 4 or more appointments in the last 12 months

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State Rural Transit Service with Demand Response

- Passengers per mile measures effectiveness; expense per trip measures costs. By this measure, CAHS is nearly twice as effective at a cost below average in states with comparable operating environments.
- Performance standards alone don't tell the complete story of the effectiveness of rural transit services. For example, but for the CAHS services, many residents will be unable to live independently and may require institutional care at a much greater cost; fewer residents will access employment and local business centers.

State*	Passengers per Mile	Expense per Trip	Nationally Acceptable
VT	2.89	\$17.26	\$28.00
ME	1.39	\$21.63	
NC	1.97	\$18.43	
NJ	2.31	\$20.88	
MI	1.89	\$25.00	
OH	2.41	\$17.82	
CAHS	5.04	\$18.11	

Average/Comparables – 2.14 / \$20.17

5/22/2013

**States selected for comparable operating environments including rural populations, distances, and weather. Sources: 2012 FTA Rural Transit Fact Book (2010 data); VTAOT 2012 Public Transit Performance Review (July 2011 to June 2012); VT Public Transit Policy Plan; Sullivan County 2012 Transit Coordination Plan.*



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

**Statement by Rev. Susan Grant Rosen, Charlestown Congregational Church
at the Sullivan County Budget Hearing, May 23, 2013**

I am the Reverend Susan Grant Rosen and I am the pastor of the Charlestown Congregational Church. Our congregation belongs to the Charlestown Ecumenical Network, a group of churches that work together on systemic issues that contribute to poverty and suffering in our town. For the past four years, our Network has worked to make public transportation available to town residents who need it. With thanks for the past support of the County delegation, I am here with other Network members to ask you to support the Community Alliance's full request for \$40,000 for its transportation service.

The Community Alliance Transportation Service, or CATS, is much valued by our town because our seniors, our disabled residents, our young people and those who don't own a car need bus transport to get to the post office, pharmacies, grocery shopping, jobs and higher education. They need the Volunteer Driver Service to get to medical appointments. There is overwhelming support in our town for these services. For four years our town has voted a small grant to CATS. We do not see this small town grant as a substitute for the larger County grant—witness our presence here.

I don't need to give you statistics about CATS because you have them. But I would like to underscore one thing. Volunteer Drivers give rides to patients who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation and dialysis. These rides save lives that might otherwise be lost. If you miss one session of dialysis you can survive. If you miss two, you start to die.

Let me tell you of an incident that took place 10 years ago when I served a church on the Vermont side of the river. One of my parishioners was receiving dialysis three afternoons a week at Dartmouth Hitchcock. Her daughter worked until 5 pm so she could not take her mother to dialysis, just pick her up afterwards. So, to stay alive, mother had to pay a cab company \$150 for the three weekly rides to Hitchcock. Eventually she negotiated that rate down to \$100 a week. The costs ate away at her and contributed to her decision to end her life by refusing further dialysis. That decision might have been different if a Volunteer Driver Service were available.

It is discouraging that we stand before you today in part because of the huge hit local public transportation will take due to sequestration. We ask you, our elected representatives, to behave more responsibly than the Congress by funding the full CATS request so that more of these needed services can be retained.

With gratitude for the hard work you do for us, your fellow citizens, and the difficult choices you must make, I thank you for this opportunity to speak.

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My name is Sharon Boyden and I am the Director of His Helping Hands of Claremont. We are an outreach into the community of Claremont and Sullivan County. I am before the Commission again for re-consideration of our request for \$12,500 of grant funds to help us assist those in need.

We serve a free, nutritious breakfast, lunch and drinks "restaurant style" 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year, to any who come through our doors. We have a pantry available to provide groceries and meals to those who have a need. We provide both delivery and walk-in service. To date we have served over 81,000 meals between our kitchen and pantry. We also provide clothing, hygiene items, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts and a library for those who want to stay warm for a while.

With our economy in an uproar, many have to choose between their rent, their utilities, or food and food is always the last to be filled. Each person who comes through our doors is in need for a reason and many are acquainted with hopelessness. Our distressed economic situation has worsened, especially for those at the bottom of the economic strata. In addition to the current rise in financial hardships, there are continuing news reports regarding further decreases to the economic and social service programs. What are the people who are in these groups suppose to do?

Earlier in this process, I was denied funding due to His Helping Hands not being their own non-profit status, as of yet, and that giving public tax dollars to faith-based outreaches is avoided. To those in need, it does not matter whether we are faith-based or waiting for our own non-profit status to go through. What matters to them is that His Helping Hands of Claremont is there to help with their needs.

I am not focusing on what His Helping Hands of Claremont is or is not. I am focusing on the needs of others who seek out His Helping Hands for assistance.

For instance:

It's about the family of 5 who called at 7:30 in the morning, both had lost their jobs, which in turn had their home go into bank repossession, and as they used all their savings for deposits, first and last month rental payments, they called us wondering where they would be getting their next meal. As the family sat and ate,

a bit of normalcy came back into their lives for just a moment. It didn't matter to them who we were or what we were not. They were just happy His Helping Hands was there to help them fill a need as they ate a free nutritious breakfast.

It's about the young man who comes in and sits down to eat. He is in torn clothes and disheveled hair. He leaves with a full stomach, a smile and knowing someone cared for him. It didn't matter to him who we were or what we were not. His need was taken care of.

It's about the single mom who comes in with 4 kids whose food stamps don't seem to last for a week let alone a month. She leaves with full bellies and bags of groceries to sustain them. It didn't matter to her who we were or what we were not. She left smiling because her need was filled.

It's about the fellows who come in drunk or on drugs, and even though you and I know it is wrong from them to use whatever funds they have on alcohol or drugs, addictions are hard to stop. They leave our place with probably the only food they will have that day. It didn't matter to them who we were or what we were not. What mattered to them was that their hunger was taken care of by His Helping Hands.

It's about Thanksgiving time when numerous dinners are delivered to families who cannot afford a Thanksgiving dinner. They were able to sit down as a family around the table and give thanksgiving. It didn't matter to them who we were or what we were not.....what mattered to them was that their need was taken care of.

It's about the cold winter months when those who come through the doors of His Helping Hands leave with not only a warm meal, but also a warm winter coat or jacket, sweaters, gloves and hats. The kids leave wrapped in warm snowsuits and boots. It didn't matter to them who we were or what we were not....what mattered to them was their need was taken care of.

It's about those that have come into His Helping Hands seeking assistance, those that we have built relationships with, referring them to job interviews and they are now working and are a productive member of the Town of Claremont. It didn't matter to them who we were or what we were not....what mattered was someone had taken care of their need.

In 2011/12, His Helping Hands received a grant for \$4,000 from Sullivan County. It didn't matter who we were or what we were not then. His Helping Hands used that money and took care of the needs of those who walked through their doors.

Our vision continues to be, seeing the lives of those struggling from the ravages of poverty, substance abuse, and hopelessness, being restored and allowing them to begin living new lives through programs and recovery. We want to continue making an impact in the City of Claremont and Sullivan County.

So tonight, I am asking the Commissioners to focus on the needs of those who come through the doors of His Helping Hands, not what His Helping Hands is or r what His Helping Hands is not. I am asking you to again reconsider our request for \$12,500 in funds.

You and I may never walk the walk they do, at least I hope we never walk it, but if it ever happened, it will be a great comfort to know our need will be filled.

SULLIVAN COUNTY NH's
25th ANNUAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 9th 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM



Place: Unity, Sullivan County Health Care, 5 Nursing Home Drive

Morning events include:

- ❖ **Free Pancake Breakfast** – Served by Commissioners and County Officials
- ❖ **Blood Pressure Checks & Table Displays from:** Human Resources, DOC Community Corrections Center, Sullivan County Health Care, Commissioners Office, UNHCE, Regional Public Health Network, Medical Reserve Corps and various non-profits such as – ServiceLink, Sullivan County Nutrition Services (congregate and Home Delivered Meals)
- ❖ **NH Antique Tractor Club – Antique Tractor Display**
- ❖ **9:00 Conservation District Tree & Shrub Identification Contest & Prizes**
- ❖ **10:00 Nursing Home / Rehabilitation Department Tour**
- ❖ **10:30 4-H Fashion Show** – Hosted by UNHCE

Bring your family and friends and enjoy the morning!
Visit us on line for directions: www.sullivancountynh.gov
Or Contact the Commissioners Office 603.863-2560

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NH

FY 14 BUDGET MEETINGS \ FINANCIAL & COUNTY REPORTS - TIME LINE

	Jan. 2013	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Activity \ Event									
County Manager Budget Format Presentation and forms to Dept Heads & Elected Officials	Jan. 16, Wed. 12:30pm - 3pm								
Department Heads & Elected Officials Submit Budgets to the County Manager	Jan. 31, Thu.								
Manager Reviews Budgets with Department Heads & Elected Officials		Feb. 12, Tue. - Feb. 15, Fri. and Feb. 25, Mon - Feb. 28, Thu.							
Submit Newspaper-Slide Ad for County Grants <i>(Grant deadline: Friday, Mar. 15, 2013)</i>		Feb. 12, Tue.							
County Manager Submits Budget to the Commissioners			Mar. 22, Fri.						
Commissioners Review Budgets w\Dept. Heads (EFC Invited) Comm's decide on day of week*				Apr. 1st & 5th					
Grant Applications Review				Apr. 8, Mon.					
Commissioners Finalize Budget & Sign MS46					May 7, Tue.				
EFC Delegates Budget Review Meeting					May 10, 13, 17, 24				
Budget (MS-46) Mailed to Delegates, Town \ County \ State Officials (RSA 24:21-a.II.): Deadline (Prior to May 31st)					May 13, Mon.				
Preliminary FY 13 Audit Preparation						Jun. 10-12			
Submit Ad for the Public Hearing <i>(Placed at least 3 days prior to Hearing).</i>						Done			
Public Hearing <i>(RSA 24:23 10-20 days after MS-46 mailed)</i>					Based on the deadline of when MS-46 mailed:	5/23/2013, Thu. Newport - SRB Community Room			
Target Date for EFC Proposed Budget Recommendations								TBA: Prior to County Convention	
Biennial Deadline for setting County Official Salaries (RSA 23:7 and 655:14 / Prior to 6/4/2014)									
County Convention (RSA 24:21-a.III)									TBA (28 elapses - from mailing of MS46): After Mon. June 10th
Audit of County Financials								Aug. 5, Mon. - Aug. 9, Fri.	
MS42 w/signed <u>approved</u> Convention Minutes deadline (RSA 24:21) Deadline (Mail prior to Sept. 1st)								TBA	
Audit Exit Interview: Review Financials and Management Letter									TBA
County Report: deadline to send to state/towns (RSA 30:1)									Sep. 1st

* A separate Comm's budget review schedule w/Dept. Heads will be available once approved

Time line updated: 5/23/2013

MS46 Comm's Proposed
MS42 Delegation's Ratified Budget
MS45 End of Fiscal Year-Auditors

TITLE II COUNTIES

CHAPTER 24 COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Meetings

Section 24:21-a

24:21-a Budget Estimates. –

I. Except as provided in paragraph II, the county commissioners shall deliver or mail to each member of the county convention who will be in office on the date that appropriations are voted and to the chairperson of the board of selectmen in each town and the mayor of each city within the county and to the secretary of state prior to December 1 annually their itemized recommendations of the sums necessary to be raised for the county in the year next ensuing, stating therein in detail the objects for which the money is required, together with a statement of actual expenditures and income for at least 9 months of the preceding calendar year. All moneys to be appropriated by the county must be stipulated in the budget on a "gross" basis, showing revenues from all sources, including grants, gifts, bequests and bond issues, as offsetting revenues to appropriations affected.

II. If the county is on an optional fiscal year basis pursuant to RSA 31:94-a, the recommendations together with a statement of actual expenditures and income for at least 9 months of the preceding fiscal year shall be mailed or delivered prior to June 1 annually and the delivery or mailing to the members of the county convention shall be made to those members in office on the date of the delivery or mailing.

III. No county convention shall vote appropriations for the ensuing budget period until 28 days shall have elapsed from the mailing of such recommendations. In counties which are not on an optional fiscal year basis pursuant to RSA 31:94-a, appropriations for the first year of each biennium may not be voted until after the first meeting of the county convention under RSA 24:9-a.

Source. 1975, 136:2. 1977, 377:2. 1995, 134:10, eff. May 24, 1995.